



## Saved From What?

Ephesians 2:1-3(NIV): As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us also lived among them at one time, *gratifying the cravings of our flesh* and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath."

Greek

Dead Means.....?

Dead Means..... DEAD

Transgressions means..... Falling away from or Departing from the right path

Sins means..... To Miss the Mark

Gratifying the Cravings of the Flesh means..... We are Addicted to Our Selfish/SARX nature

Dead in our sins and addicted to our selfish self-centered human nature

Isaiah 1:18(ESV): "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord."

Robert Sapolsky – Neuroscientist, bestselling author, and recipient of the 1987 MacArthur 'Genius' Grant."

"Free will is a myth. We are shaped by biology, history, and circumstance. Humans believe they are making rational decisions, but most of what we do is reflexive and subconscious."

Determinism posits that all events, including human actions and decisions, are the inevitable result of preceding causes.

Scripture and science tell us that we are DEAD/DETERMINED in our addiction to our selfish human nature

Jared Diamond – Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the international bestseller *Guns, Germs, and Steel* (1998).

"Throughout history, humans have demonstrated a remarkable ability to exploit and destroy their own environment and to behave brutally toward other people."

"The history of human civilization is largely a history of conquest, exploitation, and ecological destruction."  
"Civilizations do not fail from external threats alone. They fail because of their own greed, shortsightedness, and inability to cooperate." "It is remarkable how often a society approaches collapse with eyes wide open, aware of its unsustainable practices yet unable to stop."

"Humanity has a deep-rooted tendency toward violence, tribalism, and cruelty..." Robert Sapolsky

Jonathan Haidt - Social psychologist and bestselling author. Top Global Thinkers List.

"Human nature is not just inherently selfish—it is tribal. We seek our own group's advantage at the expense of others, even when we claim to be fair-minded." "We are not rational creatures who occasionally feel emotion. We are emotional creatures who occasionally think rationally."

Sin is Science

Nephesh Hayyah..... Insatiable appetite

Ephesians 2 provides a comprehensive scriptural and scientific analysis of the human condition.